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This is a short narrative based on mainstream understanding.

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Azaab

This book would have been named *Azaab*, but I went through a certain exercise — which provided the hope — after which I changed the title to its current one.

Azaab (عذاب) is commonly understood to mean torment, punishment, agony, or severe suffering.

But *Azaab-e-Ilahi* — the "punishment from God" — is something far beyond human measurement. It cannot truly be defined, described, explained, or fully understood.

God-fearing and spiritual believers from every Abrahamic faith will often tell you that humanity is being cut apart by the devil like a hot knife through soft butter. That the devil has succeeded in dividing mankind.

My response was usually simple:

"The devil is a dedicated worker. A tireless employee of millennia."

Then I would be reminded that the devil will never stop.

Even as a basic-to-zero level believer, I could not bring myself to respond with: "Then stop believing."

For once, I suppressed my usual arrogance and resisted the urge to say what many modern people quietly believe:

"Everything has a price."

Because if the devil truly never stops, then surely it is all leading somewhere.

Wars, famine, injustice, inequality, betrayal, corruption and every form of transgression have existed since Abel and Cain. So perhaps these things are not the final objective at all.

Perhaps they are only tools.

Means to an end.

But what exactly is the end?

I am hardly a proper Muslim, but I am more Muslim than I am Christian or Jewish.

So this book will focus on Muslims.

Others may conduct their own exercise in a manner suitable to their own understanding.

Hope

All Muslims know they are being crushed, numerous countries bombed and economically destroyed - but this didn't start on a lovely spring day in 1979 - it has been going on for a few hundred years now. We know the current Muslim countries were drawn out on a map for this, that or the other reason. Our Muslim countries tick all the following boxes;

Under developed
Third world
Unorganised
Oppressive
High crime rate
High inequality
High Poverty
Abject poverty
Uneducated
Extremely dirty
Migrate to Developed countries

What is so special about these otherwise fractured Muslims in their own countries is that they continue to be threatened by the Devil - even as they live, eat and breathe in what we call the third world ? You tell me because at this point I am struggling. Very little can be attributed to any or all Muslim countries.

Here's a clear example.
All Muslim countries, since their inception, immediately acknowledged, accepted and adopted the most prohibited socio-economic system against their own God.

You would think that the Devil would have made friends with these countries and left them alone. But the devil still did not stop, and the Muslims have sunk so low beneath humanity that - it seems - the only reason they are visible is for their public disgrace.

The devil will still not stop even if the Muslims install a high interest lending bank, an alcohol brewery, a prostitution spa, a heroin shop on every road - destroy mosques and adopt public nudity as the core Islamic dressing code.

That shows that Muslims are still not doing what the devil really, really and really wants. That made me really, really hopeful.

Treasure

The devil is just another creation. It has limits, goals, greed and hatred. If wars, famine, genocide, inequality and injustice — which Muslim countries are involved in — are still not the final goal, then these are merely tools. Means to some end.

So what is the end goal for the devil?

I do not know exactly, but one thing is obvious; defying God's commands cannot be the real objective because that part has already been achieved. I am a Muslim and we all know what we are up to.

So once we have abandoned the scripture, neglected the tenets, ignored the duties and compromised the instructions — what remains?

What is so sacred that we would rather risk hell by disobeying God, yet still refuse to hand it over to the devil?

The love.
The dignity.
The respect.
The reverence of our prophets and archangels.

Even the worst human beings amongst the worst Muslims will not degrade any prophet. The devil wants to break that barrier.

The Devil wants the Muslims to:
mock the prophets like others did.
hate them like others do.
forget them like others already have.

So perhaps the solution is actually very simple. Let's join the Devil, let's reach all-time highs and just push the prophets to all-time lows. AstaghfirAllah

Because the devil does not value Muslims more than Muslims value each other — which, frankly, is probably worth less than a dime. The value is elsewhere.

The treasure is the sanctity of our prophets. Muslims begin their respect from the final Prophet - pbuh, all the way back to Adam and Eve — our parents — and further to Gabriel and all the angels hated by the devil.

So it is good to finally understand that Muslims are not completely worthless after all.

But it is equally simple to understand that Muslims will never have value without their treasure:

The love of the prophets.

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Quest

We either do the unthinkable or we double down on our love and respect for the prophets. Let’s not blame the devil. Let’s not blame ourselves either. Let’s do something about it.

But when can it be done ? I don't know but at least we can consider the reality. The number of teachers, books, courses, scholars, sheikhs, muftis, imams, youtube, insta reel this that and the free content has collectively achieved no tangible results. The current reality is very pleasing to the devil.

Having another conference, lecture or a podcast will likely produce the same result. It will become worse than a hotly contested debate, an academic debate.

I don't think the sanctity of our Prophets - pbut, is up for a debate, do you?

Where do the worst of the worst Muslims like myself fit in, for your information we probably make over 90% of the Muslim population. The idea that old, weak and humble pious 10% can lift the 90% is for the birds.

Then not everything can be done at the same time, so one has to prioritise.

You cannot tell me to go pray 5 times, I am a Muslim as is everyone - I hear the call to prayer 5 times and if that doesn't move me surely nothing will. Whether I fast or I don't, whether I beg, borrow or steal as it has become the national tradition in Muslim countries - that’s none of your business. And if I see another imam flouting self righteousness or detailing overtly religious conversation with references from his or her encyclopedic memory I would just switch to a streaming service - immerse myself in Hollywood and spare myself a chronic headache.

This is the real life which I and Muslims live in - that’s enough laundry to display in public.

What we are looking for is a single achievable step which will bring the lowest of the lowest amongst us together and yield a measurable result.

The only good news so far is that I belong amongst the group of the lowest Muslims. So, perhaps it's easier to plan.

Plan

A good plan never dilutes the goal, instead it clearly defines achievable incremental small steps towards it.

The goal should be to find every instance of the phrase “The Prophet pbuh said…” and replace it with “The Prophet ordered…” in writing and in our speech.

Our Prophet’s pbuh words are our command. That's the very goal we claim to hold. This goal has already become a fantasy - Muslims have given up, while the rest of the world thinks it's pure fiction.

The way going forward is to follow the wisdom of our Prophet - pbuh.

So, what’s the first step ? I don't know, but I can suggest an example. Others should suggest their ideas.

But what I do know for certain is that the first step is a baby step - it cannot be rushed - instead the baby step takes time to consider the circumstances, capacity, capability to achieve collective unity which immediately propels the team to the 7th step.

You cannot ask people to pray 5 times, be charitable, convince your governments, talk to politicians, hold seminars - none of those, at all!

Our baby step cannot even be more than a minute long - yet so simple that every Muslim can adopt it without any physical, psychological or financial dependence.

I found one of the easiest commands of our Prophet - pbuh.

“The lowest of faith is removing harmful things from the road.” https://sunnah.com/nasai:5005

Muslims themselves have become harmful for everyone on the roads. If you are Muslim you know how poor the driving and road standards are in Muslim countries.

Red lights average a minute. Can you wait just 1 minute for your own Prophet - pbuh?

I am not suggesting we stop faking driving licenses, or stop speeding or even drive safely or stop bribing traffic police. We are so low that only a real Prophet from the real God can raise our standards.

Was the last Prophet - pbuh, really a Prophet of God ?

Can we spare a minute for the “real” Prophet - pbuh ?

I dread the answer.

Sky

This is not a pipe dream - this is not an AI generated image. We are not buying yet another political utopia.

You will be able to view this from the sky - this is real - visible - measurable. It has worked in the rest of the civilised world without any qualms.

I have no problem accepting that Muslims are - or becoming uncivilised.

I just don’t believe Muslims are that useless to collectively ignore the simplest and easiest command of our Prophet - pbuh.

Either you take this or another suggestion - perhaps you want to launch a mobile app about this or have the urge to get viral. It might be easier for you to shout from a loudspeaker, all of that is fine - it was easier for me to write.

Start with yourself first and invite others to it.